EXTRACTS

FROM THE

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD

OF THE

LUTHERAN CHURCH,

IN THE

STATE OF NEW-YORK, &c.

CONVENED IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, ON MONDAY,

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH OF MAY,

A. D. 1821.

ALBANY:

PRINTED BY G. J. LOOMIS & CO.

NO. 118, STATE-STREET.

1821.

EXTRACTS

FROM THE

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD, &c.

Extracts from the Minutes of the 26th Synod of the Lutheran Church in the State of New-York, &c.

On Monday, the 28th day of May, 1821, the Ministers and Lay Delegates of the Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New-York, &c. assembled in Synod in the City of New-York, according to a resolution passed in Synod, in August, 1820.

On the Sunday previous, the Rev. President preached a German discourse in Christ Church in the forenoon, on Phil. III. 12.—"Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect; but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that, for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus." In the afternoon, the Rev. Secretary preached in the English language, on Acts v. 20.—"Go, stand and speak in the temple, to the people, all the words of this life." In the evening, the Rev. G. A. Lintner preached on Mark I. 15. —"Repent ye, and believe the gospel."

The session of the Synod was opened on Monday, at 9 o'clock A. M. with prayer by the Rev. President, the following members being present:—

Ordained Ministers:

The Rev. F. H. Quitman, D. D. PRESIDENT, *Pastor of Rhinebeck and Wurtemberg.*

Rev. Aug's Wackerhagen, SECRETARY, *Pastor of Germantown and Livingston.*

Rev. F. G. Mayer, TREASURER, *Pastor of Albany.*

Rev. Ph. F. Mayer, - *Philadelphia.*

Rev. F. J. G. Uhl. " " *Churchtown,*

Rev. P. W. Domeier, " " *Stonarabia and Minden.*

Rev. L. Merkel, " " *Guilderland and Bern.*

Rev. F. C. Schaeffer, " " *New-York.*

Rev. D. Hendricks, " " *New-Germantown, New-Brunswick, and Sprucerun, N. J.*

Rev. Wm. M'Carty, " " *Sandlake and Brunswick.*

Rev. G. A. Lintner, " " *Schoharie and Kobleskill.*

The Rev. Messrs. H. Moeller, of *Sharon*; E. L. Hazelius, of *Hartwick*; Wm. Starman, of *Waldeborough, Maine*; and Jno. Bachman, of *Charlestown, South Carolina,* were absent.

Candidates present:

The Rev. G. B. Miller, of *Canajoharie.*

Rev. H. N. Pohlman, of *Saddle-river and Ramapough, New-Jersey.*

The Rev. J. Goodman, of *Philadelphia,* was absent.

Lay Delegates present:

Mr. F. A. Schaeffer, of *Albany.*

Mr. P. Kels, of *Churchtown.*

Mr. G. Deninger, of *Germantown.*

Mr. H. Row, of *Sandlake.*
Mr. M. Row, of *Rhinebeck.*
Mr. Abr'm Keyser, of *Schoharie.*
Mr. G. Arcularius, of *New-York.*
Mr. Edw. Suffern, of *Ramapough.*

After the Minutes of the preceding Synod were read, the Rev. President stated, that during the recess of the Synod, Mr. Henry N. Pohlman, late a student of divinity under the tuition of the Rev. Mr. Hazelins, at Hartwick, having offered himself for examination, and requested to be licensed as a Candidate for the Ministry in the Lutheran Church, had, upon examination, received licence, and repaired to the Lutheran societies newly formed at Saddle-river and Ramapough, Bergen Co. State of New-Jersey, where he had hitherto preached.

The Secretary then read the letters and other documents laid before the Synod, after which the Rev. Clergymen handed in their reports of the state of their respective congregations.

The Treasurer having handed in his accounts of the present state of the ministerial funds, they were referred to a Commitee, to examine and report thereon in the afternoon.

The Rev. Ph. F. Mayer laid before the Synod certain accounts of Messrs. G. & D. Billmeyer, the printers of the new Lutheran Hymn book and Liturgy, in which a statement was given of the number of copies hitherto sold by them.

The usual donations were received as follows :

From Rhinebeck and Wurtemberg,	$3 00
Sandlake and Brunswick,	3 00
Schagticoke,	1 00
Albany,	5 00
Schoharie and Kobleskill,	3 00
Churchtown,	2 00
Germantown and Livingston,	2 00
Hartwick,	3 00
Canajoharie,	4 00
New-York,	5 00
Guilderland and Bern,	2 00
New-Germantown, New-Brunswick, and Sprucerun,	4 00
Westcamp,	1 00
Stonarabia and Minden,	2 00
Unaccounted for,	1 00
	$41 00

After this the several letters and other documents were taken up in their order.

No. 1. A letter from the Rev. J. G. Schmucker, of Yorktown, Pennsylvania, President of the Lutheran Synod of that State, imparting the desired information with regard to the late division of the Pennsylvania Synod into two separate Synods, viz. that of Pennsylvania, and that of Maryland, &c. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the President of this Synod be requested to answer the above letter.

No. 2. A letter from the Rev. E. L. Hazelius, containing, *First*, his apology for non-attendance, a new

term of instruction having but lately commenced; and *Second*, a report upon the present state of the Hartwick Academy, especially of the Theological department.—Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the excuse of the Rev. Mr. Hazelius be accepted, and that the Secretary express to him, by letter, the thanks of the Synod for the above report.

No. 3. A letter from the Rev. H. Moeller, of Sharon, excusing his non-attendance on account of the infirmities of old age. Whereupon it was

Resolved, 1st, That the excuse of the Rev. Mr. Moeller be accepted.

2d, That the Secretary be directed to write to the vestries of the two congregations of Sharon and New-Rhinebeck, admonishing them in the name of this Synod, to be more attentive in sending their Lay delegates to the Synods of the Lutheran church of this state, more particularly when their minister is unavoidably prevented from attending.

3d, That the same admonition be extended to all other congregations, which are remiss in sending their delegates.

No. 4. A letter from the vestry of the Lutheran church at Canajoharie, containing a petition, that the Rev. G. B. Miller, a licensed candidate, who had hitherto preached at that place, receive the rite of ordination.

The request contained in the above letter, as well as the petition of Mr. Suffern, requesting in the name of the congregations at Saddle-river and Ramapough, the

ordination of the Rev. H. N. Pohlman, a licensed candidate, was referred to the ministerial session.

No. 5. A letter from Mr. Nicholas Lawyer, of Danube, Herkimer Co. informing the Synod of the present state of the Lutheran Society at that place, and requesting to be farther supplied with the preaching of the gospel by ministers belonging to this ministerium. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Domeier, Merkel, Lintner, and Miller, be desired to visit the destitute congregations of Danube, Squanke, and Palatine, as often as their time and circumstances will permit.

After some other business of minor importance was despatched, it was

Resolved, That the Synod adjourn until 3 o'clock P. M.

The session was closed with prayer by the Secretary.

The Synod having met again at the appointed hour, in the afternoon, the session was opened with prayer by the Treasurer.

The Committee upon the Treasurer's accounts reported, stating that the accounts were found correct, and a balance in favour of the Treasury of $576 83. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

No. 6. The report of the Rev. Ph. F. Mayer, and F. C. Schaeffer, on their mission as Delegates from this Synod to the Convention assembled at Hagarstown, Maryland, in the month of October, 1820, for

the purpose of devising and framing a Constitution for a General Synod of the Lutheran church in the United States. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That their report be accepted.

No. 7. The Constitution for the General Synod, framed by the above Convention, printed in the English and in the German language, being under discussion, and having proceeded as far as to the fourth section of the third article, it was

Resolved, That the farther consideration of it be deferred until to-morrow.

Resolved, that certificates of ordination, to the number of fifty copies, be printed on the best vellum paper.

Resolved, That the Synod adjourn to 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

The session was closed with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Schaeffer.

In the evening divine service was held in Christ Church; where the Rev. G. B. Miller preached on 1st Cor. VI. 20. "Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

On Tuesday, at 8 o'clock A. M. the Synod assembled again, and the session was opened with prayer by the Rev. Ph. F. Mayer.

The reading of the Constitution for a General Synod was resumed, and, after considerable discussion on the whole, and its single parts, the individual votes of the ordained ministers and lay delegates being

taken, the majority were found to be in favour of deferring the result of their considerations on the subject, until, having individually a copy of the Constitution, they should be enabled to bestow that attention on the subject which it merited. Whereupon it was

Resolved, 1. That as soon as the ministers and vestries of the congregations attached to this ministerium shall be furnished with copies of the Constitution proposed for a general Synod, it shall be their duty to consider the same, and transmit their decisions to the President of this Synod, on or before the 15th day of September next; in order that the general result may be made known by commissioners, or otherwise, to the delegates from the respective Synods, to be convened at Frederickstown, Maryland, on the third Monday of October next:

2. That the Secretary of this Synod be directed to write to the Secretary of the General Synod, stating to him that no copies of the above Constitution had as yet been received by the members of this Synod, and requesting him to send on, without delay, the number of copies intended for the members of this ministerium, by the Convention at Hagarstown.

Resolved, That the next meeting of this Synod be held in Schoharie, on the last Monday in the month of August, 1822.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be offered to the minister, the vestry, and the congregation of Christ church, New-York, for their kind and hospitable entertainment of the Clergy and Lay delegates composing this Synod.

Resolved, That the Synod adjourn to the appointed time and place.

The session was closed with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Lintner.

The Lay delegates having withdrawn, the Ministers remained in session, and considered the petitions of the congregations, of Canajoharie, and of Saddle-river and Ramapough, for the ordination of the respective candidates, G. B. Miller, and H. N. Pohlman. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the two candidates be again examined.—After this,

The candidates having withdrawn, it was

Resolved, That the two candidates be invited to a friendly conversation on theological subjects; which having taken place, the candidates once more withdrew, when it was

Resolved, That the requests of the above congregagations be granted, and that the two candidates receive the rite of ordination at the time of public service in Christ Church this evening.

Resolved also, That the Rev. Messrs. Schaeffer and Hendricks be requested to install the Rev. Mr. Pohlman; and the Rev. Messrs. Domeier and Hazelius to induct the Rev. Mr. Miller into their respective churches as soon as convenient.

Resolved, That the ministerial session adjourn.

The session was closed with prayer by the Rev. President.

At half past 7 o'clock, P. M. divine service was held in Christ Church, where the Rev. Ph. F. Mayer preached on 1st Cor. III. 8.—"Now he that planteth, and he that watereth, are one; and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour." After the discourse, the Rev. President addressed the candidates, and, assisted by the Secretary, performed the solemn rite of ordination by the imposition of hands and prayer. Whereupon the newly ordained ministers, accompanied by all their elder brethren in the ministry, partook in the solemn celebration of the Lord's Supper, which was administered by the Rev. President, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Schaeffer.

The singing of the Christian's Farewell, in which the very numerous congregation joined, and the Blessing, pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Schaeffer, closed the solemn scene.

FREDERICK H. QUITMAN, D. D. *President.*

AUGUSTUS WACKERHAGEN, *Secretary.*